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PATENT

CASE NO. 1997P82116US02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Bradley et al.

Serial No.: 09/884,407

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: ULTRASONIC HARMONIC IMAGING
SYSTEM AND METHOD USING WAVEFORM
PRE-DISTORTION

Examiner: Maulin Patel

Group: 3737

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

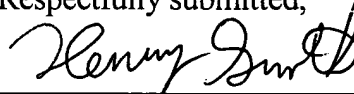
Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, Applicants note that some of claims 1-94 are not pending. In particular, the transmittal letter filed with this divisional application on June 18, 2001 canceled claims 1-4, 36-73 and 81-84. Only claims 5-35, 74-80 and 85-94 are currently pending.

Applicants elect Group I with traverse. Based on the Examiner's grouping, pending claims 5-35, 79-80 and 85-94 are within the elected Group I. This election is made with traverse as the remaining claims 74-78 may be efficiently searched with the elected claims. The parent application was subject to a restriction requirement, resulting in the necessary filing of this divisional application. To avoid further delay in protection and additional costs of filing yet another divisional application for just claims 74-78, Applicants request that claims 74-78 be included in the elected group of claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 943-7350.

Respectfully submitted,



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